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Examination Committee Meeting
January 29, 2004
Sacramento, CA

Minutes

Members Present:

George SooHoo, DDS, Chair
Newton Gordon, DDS
Alan Kaye, DDS
LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA
Ariane Terlet, DDS
Chester Yokoyama, DDS

Staff Present:

Cynthia Gatlin, Executive Officer
Gladys Mitchell, Staff Manager
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Secretary
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 2:20pm. All members of the committee were present and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - The minutes of the November 6, 2003 were approved as written.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Discussion on changes to Section 1028 – Application for Licensure

Dr. Terlet stated that after the January 12th meeting with the five deans, the committee is looking at changes to section 1028, as well as section 1628, which will have to be done statutorily. This change would allow the dental students to take their dental boards prior to graduation. The deans would like to see the boards offered one month prior to graduation and the issuing of license would be contingent upon proof of graduation. Proposed language for this change will be submitted at the March meeting. Dr. William Heisler of LLU thought this proposal was a fantastic jump in the right direction. Dr. SooHoo is also looking into alternate avenues of licensure, such as the PGY-1 program.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Proposed changes to Section 1033.1 – General Procedures for Clinical Dental Licensure Examination

The committee reviewed the proposed regulatory language submitted by Dr. Terlet. Tracey Ferrel of the Office of Exam Resources had concerns about this proposed language. As a result, the committee would like to invite her to observe the March Clinical Exam at UOP to better understand the changes the committee is proposing.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Proposed changes to Section 1041 – Examination Requirements

Dr. Terlet explained that the proposed changes would put the Restorative Technique more in line with the Clinical Exam.

It was m/s/c (Klein/Kaye) to set the proposed language for hearing.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discussion on Utilizing Student DAs at the Clinical Exam

Ms. LaDonna Drury-Klein led the discussion and asked the committee to consider utilizing Dental Assisting Students from surrounding accredited facilities. The rationale being that the examiners need more help in the bays at the clinical exams. These students will not get paid, but coming for clinical experience and at the same time receive credit hours toward their clinical externship. This will also help with infection control issues at the exam. This would be a cost savings measure for the board. Ms. Klein suggested trying this as a pilot program for the next couple of exams.

Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo stated the committee will draft some guidelines to review for the March board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Review of Policy on Board Members Roles at Exams

Dr. George SooHoo provided a draft for review. The policy states that only the board president and the exam chair can receive information about candidate scores. This information has been shared with the deans of the dental schools for a number of years. He asked legal counsel, Ms. Norine Marks, to advise whether or not this was legal. The deans are requesting the scores be provided immediately following the exam in order to determine what students need extra assistance. Legal counsel will review this issue in more detail and the committee will review this issue again at the March meeting.

Dr. SooHoo directed staff to make suggested changes to the draft and resubmit for review at the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Review of Job Description, Responsibilities and Authority of Exam Chair

A draft was provided to the committee for review and comments. Dr. SooHoo asked the committee to submit comments and staff will incorporate the comments into the draft for review at the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Auxiliary Examination Statistics - Submitted as information only.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Dental Examination Statistics - Submitted as information only.

Future agenda item: Dr. Terlet requested a discussion of what happens to students that are caught cheating and are dismissed from the exam and what the law states regarding allowing those students to retake the exam.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.